

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated August 22, 2007, claims 1, 3, 9, 10, and 16 were rejected and claims 2, 4- 8, 11 – 15, and 17 – 20 were objected to. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, and 20, canceled claims 2 and 11, and added claim 21. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amended claims, the added claims, and the below-provided remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 2, 4 – 8, 11 – 15, and 17 – 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11. New claim 21 is formed by combining the limitations of claims 1 and 4 as previously presented. Applicant asserts that amended claims 1 and 10 and new claim 21 are in allowable condition.

Claims 2 and 11 have been canceled.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, and 20 have been amended to correct dependencies in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 11 and in view of the addition of claim 21. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account **50-3444** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account **50-3444** under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21.

Respectfully submitted,

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